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BOARD TO CONSIDER UNIFORM MACs

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DANVILLE—Since their creation in 1990, Contra Costa County's Municipal Advisory Councils' (MAC) selection process and composition will be standardized this July 1 in an ordinance co-authored by Contra Costa County Supervisors Mary N. Piepho and Federal Glover.

The board order that will be introduced Tuesday, June 27th comes after a six-month review of the county's MACs, PACs and community service Districts.

The proposed amendment MACs makes all the members of the municipal advisory councils appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The order defines what constitutes a quorum and a majority vote.

MAC members who were elected will be allowed to finish out their terms. When their term ends, successors will be picked by the Supervisors.

Since the MAC was formed in 1990 to advise the Board of Supervisors on the county's unincorporated community of Bay Point, 11 others have been added. They have taken various forms and have assumed duties that they were never intended to perform.

Subsequent board orders widened the disparity among MACs, making some of the MACs elected councils while other remained appointed. One MAC is a combination of elected and appointed members. Some MACs have five members and others have seven or eight.

"This is a first step towards the restructuring component of the process, due to election timeframes", said Piepho.

The study was done at the request of Supervisor Piepho who after assuming office noticed the variances among the MACs and south to improve consistency in the composition, powers, and operations of the County's municipal advisory councils.

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